

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NRIs are falling prey to drug menace abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/to be taken to help such NRIs abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a) Certain cases of NRIs falling prey to the drug menace have been brought to the notice of Indian Missions/Posts abroad.
- (b) As per the enclosed statement in Annexure-I, 105 Indians have been detained during last 3 years by various countries for Drug-related cases as reported by different Indian Missions/Posts abroad.
- (c) The Indian Missions/Posts respond to the problems of Indian nationals abroad that come to their notice. The matter is appropriately taken up by Indian Missions/Posts with the local authorities as necessary in host countries. Indian Mission/Post officials are sent to the place of incidence/detention centre(s) as considered necessary to liaise with the local authorities and the Indian community, and render all possible assistance and also keep their family members informed in India. Legal assistance is also provided to Indian nationals in accordance with specific rules and regulations as and when required